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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

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1. EP 1184914 A1, published March 6, 2002;
2. JP 2002-25514 A, published January 25, 2002, along with an English language

Abstract;

3. US 3907193, granted September 23, 1975;
4. US 6451476 B1, granted September 17, 2002;

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding European Search Report dated March 23, 2009 which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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